PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1844.

This day, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Electoral College convened in the Senate Chamber:

On motion of Mr. Dimock and Mr. Leech,

Wilson M'Candless was duly chosen as President of the Electoral College.

The President was conducted to the chair by Mr. Irvine and Mr. Eldred, and returned thanks for the honor conferred on him.

On motion of Mr. Shimer and Mr. Patterson,

John J. M'Cahen was appointed Secretary of the Electoral College.

On motion of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Baldy,

Messrs. Lehman, Leech, Smith, Baldy, Patterson and Myers, were appointed a committee to wait on the Governor, and inform him that the Electoral College is duly organized, and ready to receive his communications.

Mr. Lehman, from the committee appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that the Electoral College was duly organized and ready to receive his communications, reported:

That they had performed that duty, and that the Governor informed them that he would forthwith make his communications by message.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth being introduced, presented a message from the Governor, accompanied with three certified lists of the names of the Electors, duly elected by the people on Friday, the first day of November last.

Said message and lists were severally read, as follow, viz:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Harrisburg, December 4, 1844.

To the Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States:

GENTLEMEN:—The Secretary of the Commonwealth will deliver to you, herewith, in pursuance of the Act of Congress in such case made and provided, three lists of the names of the Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, chosen by the people on Friday, the first day of November in the present year, for this State, agreeably to the laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DAVID R. PORTER.

PENNSYLVANIA, SS.

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

DAVID R. PORTER,

GOVERNOR OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH.

To all to whom these presents shall come,

CERTIFIES AND MAKES KNOWN:

That at an election held in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on Friday, the first day of November, in the present year, the following persons, viz: Wilson M'Candless, Asa Dimock, George F. Lehman, Christian Kneass, William H. Smith, John Hill, Samuel E. Leech, Samuel Camp, Jesse Sharp, Nathaniel W. Sample, William Heidenreich, Conrad Shimer, Stephen Baldy, Jonah Brewster, George Schnabel, Nathaniel B. Eldred, William N. Irvine, James Woodburn, Hugh Montgomery, Isaac Ankeny, John Mathews, William Patterson, Andrew Burke, John M'Gill, Christian Myers and Robert Orr, were duly elected and returned to be Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, for the term of four years, next ensuing the fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth the sixty-ninth.

By the Governor: CHARLES M'CLURE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On motion,

Ordered, That the names of the Electors be called over by the Secretary, from the official list furnished by the Executive, to ascertain the absentees, if any.

Which having been done, it was ascertained that Christian Kneass and Isaac Ankeny were not in attendance.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Myers, the following preamble and resolution was twice read, considered, and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, Isaac Ankeny and Christian Kneass, two of the Electors duly chosen and proclaimed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have, from sickness or other cause, failed to attend at the seat of government, according to law:—Therefore,

Resolved, That the Electors present proceed to fill the said vacancies according to the thirty-first section of the Act of Assembly, approved July 2d, 1839.

On motion,

Mr. Sample and Mr. Montgomery were appointed tellers to officiate at the election for President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Electors to supply the vacancies which have occurred in this College.

On motion of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Camp, the following resolution was read twice and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Electors at the election for President and Vice President, and all others, vote in the order that their names appear in the official list furnished by the Executive, and that the names be called by the Secretary of this College.

On motion of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Smith,

The College proceeded to fill the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Christian Kneass.

Mr. Lehman nominated Horn R. Kneass of the city of Philadelphia.

Whereupon, the Secretary called over the names of the Electors, and it appeared that Horn R. Kneass was duly elected an Elector in the place of Christian Kneass.

The College proceeded to fill the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Isaac Ankeny.

Mr. Burke nominated Isaac Hugus of the county of Somerset.

Whereupon, the Secretary called over the names of the Electors, and it appeared that Isaac Hugus was duly elected an Elector in the place of Isaac Ankeny.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the President cause the names of Messrs. Kneass and Hugus to be transmitted to the Governor, as the duly chosen Electors, to fill the vacancies which had occurred in the College.

After some time,

Mr. Horn R. Kneass and Mr. Isaac Hugus appeared at the bar of the College, and the notices received from the Governor by them, of their election, were read.

Whereupon, they took their seats as members of the Electoral College.

On motion of Mr. Orr and Mr. Sample,

The following form for the triplicate certificates of the election of President, was read and adopted, viz :

We, the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. being duly elected and appointed on the part of Pennsylvania for that purpose by the people thereof, having met at the State House, in the borough of Harrisburg, the seat of government of the said State, this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in conformity to the provisions contained in the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and of the State of Pennsylvania, proceeded by ballot to vote for President of the United States, on the part of Pennsylvania. Whereupon, it appeared that had votes.

In testimony whereof, we, the said Electors, have hereunto set our names and affixed our seals, the day and year aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Sharp,

The College proceeded to ballot for President of the United States.

The votes of all the Electors being taken, were opened and severally read by the President of the College, and the votes and tally papers corresponding, it appeared that JAMES K. POLK, of Tennessee, had twenty-six votes.

The President of the College then declared that JAMES K. POLK, of Tennessee, had twenty-six votes for President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Shimer and Mr. Hill,

The College proceeded to ballot for Vice President of the United States.

The votes of all the Electors being taken, were opened and severally read by the President of the College, and the votes and tally papers corresponding, it appeared that GEORGE M. DALLAS, of Pennsylvania, had twenty-six votes.

Whereupon, the President of the College declared that GEORGE M. DALLAS, of Pennsylvania, had twenty-six votes for Vice President of the United States.

On motion, the College adjourned to meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

SAME DAY—5 o'clock, P. M.

The College re-assembled agreeably to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Heidenreich,

The following form for the envelopes was read and adopted, viz :

"We, the Electors, duly elected on the part of the State of Pennsylvania, to vote for a President and Vice President of the United States, do certify, that a list of all the votes given for President and Vice President is contained herein."

On motion of Mr. Eldred and Mr. Mathews, it was

Resolved, That the Electors severally proceed to sign the triplicate certificates of the election for President and Vice President, agreeably to the adopted form.

The certificates were then signed as follows, viz:

We, the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, being duly elected and appointed on the part of Pennsylvania for that purpose by the people thereof, having met at the State House, in the borough of Harrisburg, the seat of government of the said State, this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in conformity to the provisions contained in the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and of the State of Pennsylvania, proceeded by ballot to vote for a President of the United States, on the part of Pennsylvania.—Whereupon, it appeared that JAMES K. POLK had twenty-six votes.

In testimony whereof, we, the said Electors, have hereunto set our names and affixed our seals, the day and year aforesaid.

WILSON M'CANDLESS,	[L. S.]	G. SCHNABEL,	[L. S.]
ASA DIMOCK,	[L. S.]	NATHANIEL B. ELDRED,	[L. S.]
GEO. F. LEHMAN,	[L. S.]	W. N. IRVINE,	[L. S.]
WILLIAM H. SMITH,	[L. S.]	JAMES WOODBURN,	[L. S.]
JOHN HILL,	[L. S.]	HUGH MONTGOMERY,	[L. S.]
SAMUEL E. LEECH,	[L. S.]	JOHN MATHEWS,	[L. S.]
SAMUEL CAMP,	[L. S.]	WM. PATTERSON,	[L. S.]
JESSE SHARP,	[L. S.]	AND'W BURKE,	[L. S.]
N. W. SAMPLE,	[L. S.]	JOHN M'GILL,	[L. S.]
WM. HEIDENREICH,	[L. S.]	CHRISTIAN MYERS,	[L. S.]
CONRAD SHIMER,	[L. S.]	ROBERT ORR,	[L. S.]
STEPHEN BALDY,	[L. S.]	HORN R. KNEASS,	[L. S.]
JONAH BREWSTER,	[L. S.]	ISAAC HUGUS,	[L. S.]

We, the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, being duly elected and appointed on the part of Pennsylvania for that purpose by the people thereof, having met at the State House, in the borough of Harrisburg, the seat of government of the said State, this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in conformity to the provisions contained in the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and of the State of Pennsylvania, proceeded by ballot to vote for Vice President of the United States, on the part of Pennsylvania. Whereupon, it appeared that GEORGE M. DALLAS had twenty-six votes.

In testimony whereof, we, the said Electors, have hereunto set our names and affixed our seals, the day and year aforesaid.

WILSON M'CANDLESS,	[L. S.]	G. SCHNABEL,	[L. S.]
ASA DIMOCK,	[L. S.]	NATHANIEL B. ELDRED,	[L. S.]
GEO. F. LEHMAN,	[L. S.]	W. N. IRVINE,	[L. S.]
WILLIAM H. SMITH,	[L. S.]	JAMES WOODBURN,	[L. S.]
JOHN HILL,	[L. S.]	HUGH MONTGOMERY,	[L. S.]
SAMUEL E. LEECH,	[L. S.]	JOHN MATHEWS,	[L. S.]
SAMUEL CAMP,	[L. S.]	WM. PATTERSON,	[L. S.]
JESSE SHARP,	[L. S.]	AND'W BURKE,	[L. S.]
N. W. SAMPLE,	[L. S.]	JOHN M'GILL,	[L. S.]
WM. HEIDENREICH,	[L. S.]	CHRISTIAN MYERS,	[L. S.]
CONRAD SHIMER,	[L. S.]	ROBERT ORR,	[L. S.]
STEPHEN BALDY,	[L. S.]	HORN R. KNEASS,	[L. S.]
JONAH BREWSTER,	[L. S.]	ISAAC HUGUS,	[L. S.]

On motion of Mr. Irvine and Mr. Schnabel, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the signatures to the certificates and the envelopes, and see that all the Electors have severally signed the same.

Ordered, That Messrs. Irvine, Brewster and Schnabel, be said committee.

On motion of Mr. Dimock and Mr. Brewster, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to cause the lists of Electors, and the certificates of the election of President and Vice President of the United States to be enclosed in the proper envelopes, and each package to be sealed and directed as required by law.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dimock, Heidenreich and Orr, be said committee.

On motion of Mr. Eldred and Mr. Hugus, it was

Ordered, That Messrs. Eldred, Camp and Hugus, be a committee to settle and adjust the accounts of the Electors, and the expenses of the College.

On motion of Mr. Orr and Mr. Kneass, it was

Resolved, That when this College adjourns, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Burke and Mr. Myers, it was

Resolved, That George F. Lehman, one of the Electors, be appointed to take charge of one of the packages containing the list of votes of this Electoral College, for a President and Vice President of the United States, and deliver the same to the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C., on or before the first Wednesday in January next.

On motion of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Camp, it was

Resolved, That Conrad Shimer be appointed to take charge of one of the packages of votes and certificates, and deliver the same to Archibald Randall, Esq., Judge of the Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Eldred and Mr. Woodburn,

Mr. Heidenreich was appointed to deliver one of the packages of certificates directed to the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C., to the Post Master at the seat of government of this State.

On motion, the College adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 5, 1844.

The College again assembled agreeably to adjournment.

The Journal was read, and the names of the Electors called over by the Secretary; when it appeared that all the members of the College were present.

Mr. Eldred, from the committee on the subject of the accounts of the Electors and the expenses of the College, made a report, which was read as follows, viz:

The committee appointed for that purpose, report that they have settled the respec-

tive accounts of the members of the Electoral College. for compensation allowed them by law, and that they are respeetively entitled to the following sums, viz:

Wilson M'Candless,	$33 00	George Schnabel,	$24 00
Asa Dimock,	36 00	N. B. Eldred,	6 00
George F. Lehman,	21 00	W. N. Irvine.	21 00
Horn R. Kneass,	21 00	James Woodburn,	15 00
William H. Smith,	21 00	Hugh Montgomery,	24 00
John Hill,	21 00	Isaac Hugus,	33 00
Samuel E. Leeeh,	24 00	John Mathews,	33 00
Samuel Camp,	30 00	William Patterson,	36 00
Jesse Sharp,	24 00	Andrew Burke,	33 00
N. W. Sample,	18 00	John M'Gill,	48 00
William Heidenreieh,	24 00	Christian Myers,	51 00
Conrad Shimer,	36 00	Robert Orr,	36 00
Stephen Baldy,	30 00	Contingent Expenses,	50 00
Jonah Brewster,	42 00		
			$791 00

On motion, the report was considered and adopted.

Mr. Irvine, from the eommittee appointed to examine the signatures to the certificates and the envelopes, and to see that all the Electors have severally signed the same, report that they have attended to that duty, and find that all the Electors have severally signed the number of certificates and envelopes required by law.

The report was adopted, and the committee diseharged.

Mr. Dimoek, from the committee appointed to see that the certificates and envelopes were properly sealed and direeted, reported that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subjeet.

The Eleetors (with the exeeption of Mr. Lehman,) having signed the following certificate, the same was delivered to him by the Secretary:

STATE CAPITOL OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Electoral College, December 4, 1844.

We, the undersigned, Electors for a President and Vice President of the United States, on the part of the State of Pennsylvania, do eertify, that George F. Lehman, one of the Electors of the Electoral College of Pennsylvania, is hereby appointed to take charge of, and deliver to the President of the Senate of the United States, at Washington City, the Seat of Government of the United States; and in case there shall be no President of the Senate at the Seat of Government, on the arrival of George F. Lehman, entrusted with the list of votes of this Electoral College, the said George F. Lehman shall deliver into the office of the Secretary of State, on or before the first Wednesday in January next, one of the paekages containing the list of votes of this Electoral College, for a President and Vice President of the United States.

WILSON M'CANDLESS,
ASA DIMOCK,
WILLIAM H. SMITH,
JOHN HILL,
SAMUEL E. LEECH,
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HORN R. KNEASS,
ISAAC HUGUS.

The President of the College then delivered one of the packages containing the list of votes and certificates for a "President and Vice President of the United States," directed to the "President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C." to George F. Lehman; and one other directed to "Archibald Randall, Esq., Judge of the Eastern District of the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia," to Conrad Shimer; and the remaining package addressed to the "President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C.," to William Heidenreich, who severally gave the following receipts, viz:

HARRISBURG, *December* 5, 1844.

Received from the President of the Electoral College of the State of Pennsylvania, certificates of the votes given by them for President and Vice President of the United States, to be by me delivered to "the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C.," to whom the same is directed, before the first Wednesday in January next. In case there shall be no President of the Senate at the seat of government on my arrival there, I will deliver into the office of the Secretary of State on or before the first Wednesday in January next, one of the packages containing the list of votes of this Electoral College for a President and Vice President of the United States.

GEO. F. LEHMAN.

HARRISBURG, *December* 5, 1844.

Received from the President of the Electoral College of the State of Pennsylvania, certificates of the votes given by them for President and Vice President of the United States, endorsed "the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C.," and enclosed with this direction, "Archibald Randall, Esq., Judge of the Eastern District of the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia," to be by me delivered to the said Judge within ten days from this date.

CONRAD SHIMER.

HARRISBURG, *December* 5, 1844.

Received from the President of the Electoral College of the State of Pennsylvania, certificates of the votes by them given, for President and Vice President of the United States, to be by me delivered to the Post Master in this place, to be forwarded to "the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C.," to whom the same is directed.

WM. HEIDENREICH.

On motion of Mr. Burke and Mr. Kneass, it was

Ordered, That 500 copies of the proceedings of the College be printed for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Orr and Mr. Shimer, the following resolution was read, considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary be required to file a copy of the proceedings of this College in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and that the Governor be requested to transmit said proceedings to both Houses of the next Legislature, with a view of having them placed upon their Journals.

The President having called Mr. Dimock to the chair:

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Patterson, and having been read, was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Electoral College are hereby tendered to Wilson M'Candless, President, and J. J. M'Cahen, Secretary, of this College, for the able manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective stations during the sitting of the Electoral College.

The President then resumed the chair, and addressed the College as follows, viz:

Electors:—I thank you for the complimentary resolution just passed. I thank you for the honor conferred in selecting me, with all my parliamentary imperfections, to preside over your deliberations; and I should be wanting in sensibility, were I to omit the opportunity now presented, of expressing to you my most profound gratitude.

Some of you, in the vigor of manhood, have come here to renew the covenant of your political faith, and when you have discharged the functions delegated to you by your constituents, will return home, with the inflexible resolution never to depart from the precepts of the Republican fathers. Others of you have grown grey in the service of your country, and that country has sealed its approbation of your conduct and principles, by this last act of public commendation. In the name and by the authority of the people of Pennsylvania, you have deposited your ballots in favor of tried and distinguished Statesmen, for the highest offices known to the Constitution.

That their administration of the General Government will redound to the honor, prosperity, and glory of the country, we have a guarantee in their talents, patriotism, and eminent public services; and that the agriculture and manufactures of Pennsylvania, in which she is so vitally interested, will be *protected*, we have the assurance in the recently expressed opinion of the elected Head of the Nation, "that it is the duty of the government, to extend, so far as it may be practicable to do so, by its revenue laws, and all other means within its power, fair and just *protection* to all the great interests of the whole Union, embracing *agriculture*, *manufactures*, the mechanic arts, commerce, and navigation." Reposing with confidence in this political sentiment, emanating from such a source, our good old Commonwealth, burdened as she is with pecuniary embarrassment, will go on her way rejoicing, for in her valleys and upon her plains, in her hills and her mountains, she possesses the means to satisfy all her liabilities.

Electors—We have lately passed through one of those fiery ordeals, which test the stability of popular governments. The contest, characterized by great excitement and asperity of feeling, has been concluded without riot or bloodshed, and in peace and tranquillity. The hurricane, which but yesterday, swept over the land, has been succeeded by the calm of domestic quiet and retirement. The result is a beautiful illustration of our political system, based, as it is, upon the virtue and intelligence of the people. Elsewhere, revolution and anarchy, would have been the inevitable and fatal consequence.

I congratulate you, Electors, and the American people, upon this most happy consummation.

Tendering you, again, my thanks for your urbanity and kindness to me personally and for the assistance you have rendered me in the discharge of my responsible duties, I bid you all an affectionate Farewell.

On motion of Mr. Shimer and Mr. Sharp,

The College adjourned *sine die.*

JOHN J. M'CAHEN, *Secretary.*